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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 17, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 17, 2007, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above-identified patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.